

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Wilhelmus J.E.M. van den Dungen et al.  
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TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR POSITIONING SEPARATELY  
SUPPLIED ELONGATE MEAT PRODUCTS  
Grp./A.U. : 3651  
Examiner : Douglas A. HESS  
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Docket No. : P06477US1-171

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(After Payment of Issue Fee)**

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the current application from issue under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c).

**BACKGROUND**

The present application was allowed on July 14, 2004, and the final fee was paid on September 3, 2004. Attached hereto is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c), for withdrawing the present application after payment of the issue fee.

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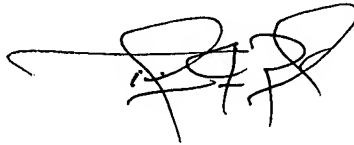
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Also enclosed is a payment in the amount of \$130.00 for the Petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). However, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2098.

The grant of this Petition and the withdrawal of the application for further action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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